

The Town Meeting Coordinating Committee is starting a mentorship program to encourage Amherst residents from under-represented groups to run for Town Meeting.

The program has three goals:

- to increase participation in Town Meeting,
- to make Town Meeting a more demographically diverse body, and
- to develop a greater sense of belonging and contributing to the Town for people who may feel marginalized.

The Coordinating Committee considers this an especially appropriate time to undertake this mentorship program, since all current Town Meeting members will have to run again in the March 29th election, owing to the redistricting of the Town's ten voting precincts. Citizens interested in learning more about this program and what is involved in participating in Town Meeting may call Marcie Sclove at 256 -8727. Deadline for taking out nomination papers from Town Hall is 5:00 pm, February 8th.